

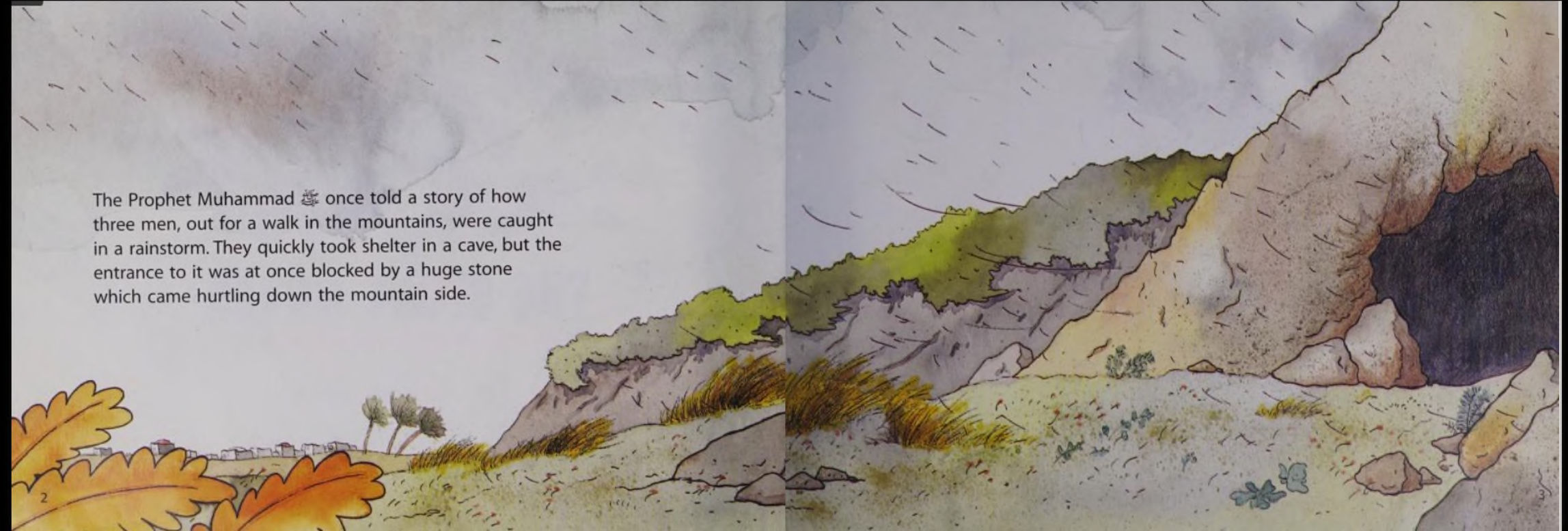


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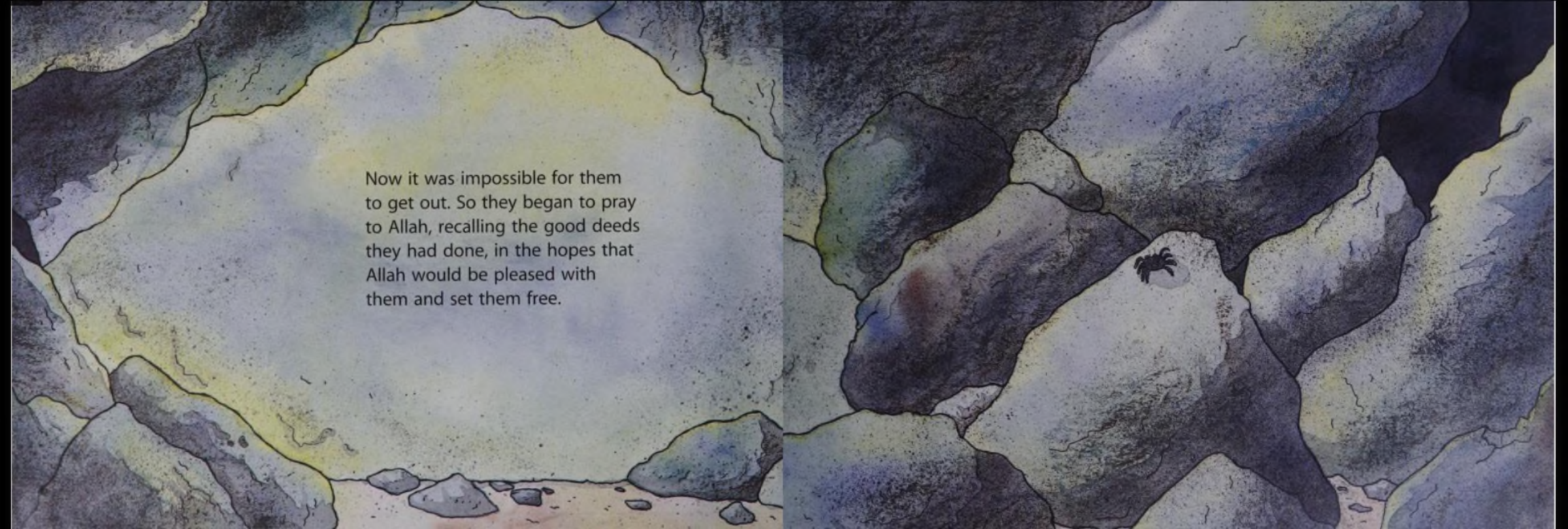
Prophet Muhammad for Little Hearts

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The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once told a story of how three men, out for a walk in the mountains, were caught in a rainstorm. They quickly took shelter in a cave, but the entrance to it was at once blocked by a huge stone which came hurtling down the mountain side.







Now it was impossible for them  
to get out. So they began to pray  
to Allah, recalling the good deeds  
they had done, in the hopes that  
Allah would be pleased with  
them and set them free.

The first one said that he and his wife and children were living with his aged parents. Whenever he returned with his herd, he milked the animals and then offered the milk first to his parents and then to his children.





One day, he went far away and, by the time he came back home, it was very late and his parents had fallen asleep. He milked the herd as usual and brought the milk to his parents, but seeing that they were sound asleep, he did not feel like waking them up.



His children ran to him for their milk, but he felt it was not right to give it to them before he gave it to his parents. So he stood there all night, waiting for his parents to get up. They did not awaken till the break of dawn. Only then, when they had had their milk, did he give any to his children.

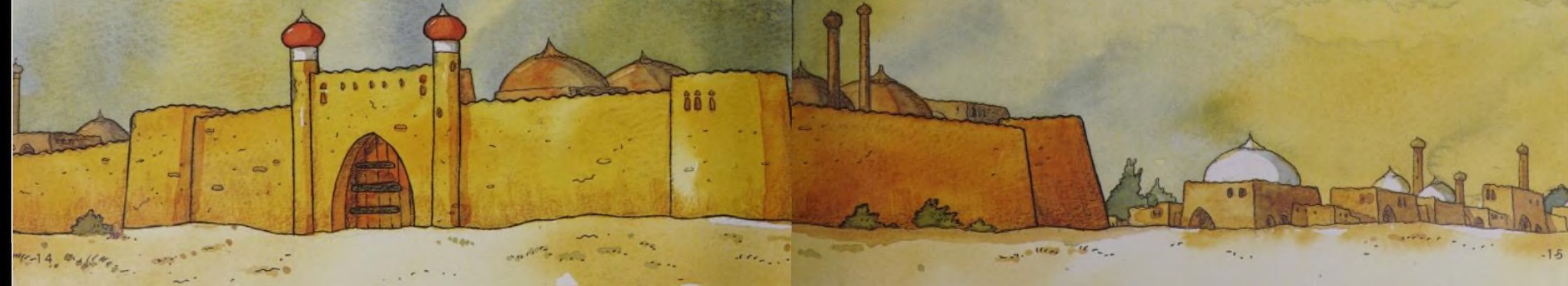




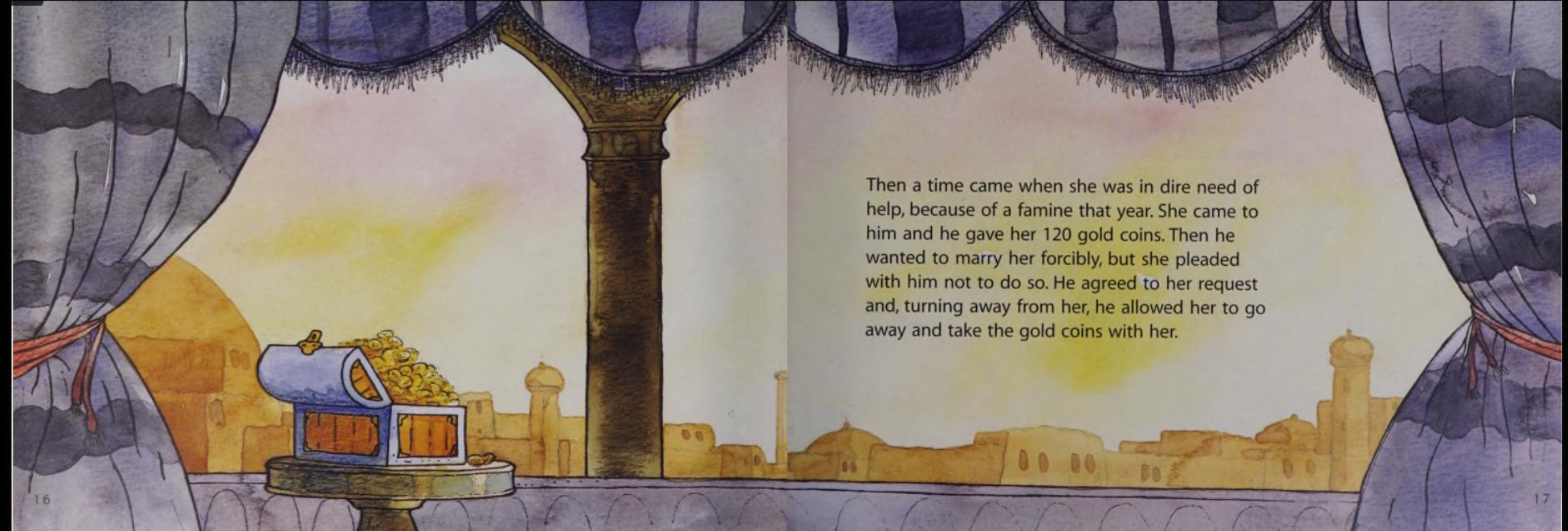
What he did that day had been done to please Allah, and he begged his Maker, if He had seen any virtue in his behaviour, to set them free. Miraculously, the stone moved a little bit, but not enough to let them out.



The second man said that he had a cousin with whom he was very much in love and whom he was very keen to marry. But she refused to marry him and stayed away from him.







Then a time came when she was in dire need of help, because of a famine that year. She came to him and he gave her 120 gold coins. Then he wanted to marry her forcibly, but she pleaded with him not to do so. He agreed to her request and, turning away from her, he allowed her to go away and take the gold coins with her.

The man begged Allah to remember that he had done this out of fear for Him, and beseeched Him to help them. So the stone moved another little bit, but the gap was still not wide enough for them to come out of the cave.

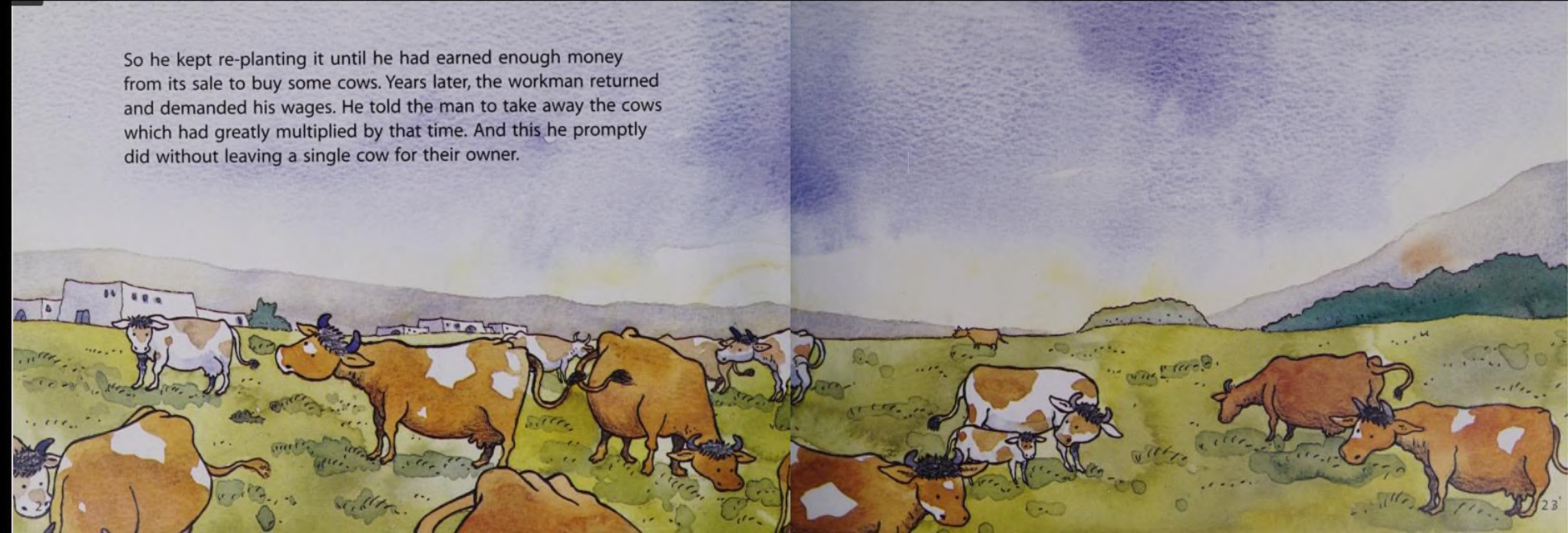




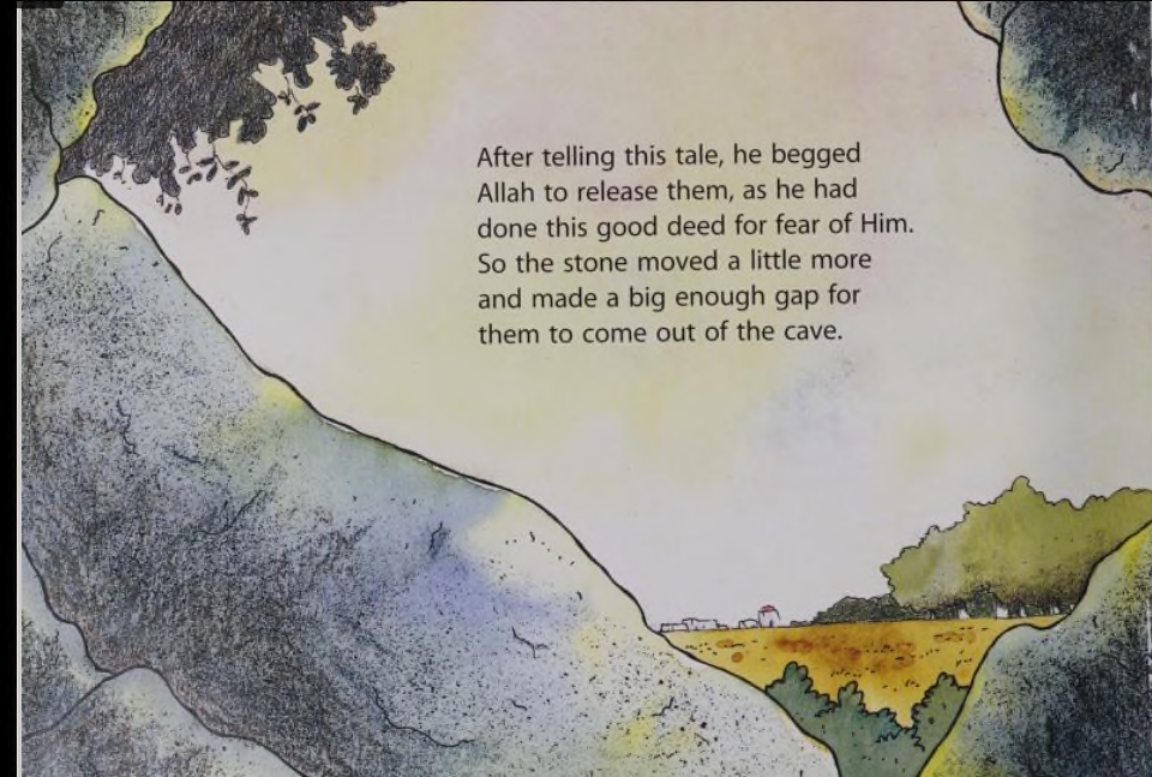
The third man said that once he had hired the services of a workman for a bushel of rice. When the work was completed, he gave the man his bushel of rice, but the workman, not liking the quality of it, went off without it.



So he kept re-planting it until he had earned enough money from its sale to buy some cows. Years later, the workman returned and demanded his wages. He told the man to take away the cows which had greatly multiplied by that time. And this he promptly did without leaving a single cow for their owner.







After telling this tale, he begged  
Allah to release them, as he had  
done this good deed for fear of Him.  
So the stone moved a little more  
and made a big enough gap for  
them to come out of the cave.

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## Prophet Muhammad for Little Hearts

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ came to us as Allah's last messenger to preach His Divine Message. The stories handed down to us of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his teachings show us the right path in all our everyday activities. Indeed, his life is an example in right living to us all.

*Prophet Muhammad for Little Hearts* series is especially designed to enable your children to learn and understand more about the Prophet's life in a natural and enjoyable way. It is a wonderful way to



explain to children the meaning and purpose of the Prophet's life and message, and will encourage them to follow his teachings in their daily life. A simple text and magnificent colour illustrations will captivate young, active minds.

*The Stone Moved* is a beautifully illustrated and creatively written story. It will capture the interest of children both at home and in the classroom.